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                    CW Argument...The Sequel  
                    Railroad track as an antenna?

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>>In <1994Jun15.025318.1@woods.uml.edu>  
>>martinja@woods.uml.edu (JJ Martin) writes:

>>As more and more people enter amateur radio at the no-code level and as the  
>>"old-timers" become fewer and fewer I see the "protect what we have now"  
>>becoming the "let's keep pace with technology."  
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In article <1994Jun16.131243.6648@mixcom.mixcom.com>  
kevin jessup <kevin.jessup@mixcom.mixcom.com> wrote:

>That is a very interesting statement! Are you saying that the old-timers  
>are/were MORE interested in "keeping pace with technology" then the new-  
>comers?? That is NOT AT ALL what I have seen. I admit, however, that I  
>have only been licensed as an AMATEUR radio operator for a year and a half.

I say:

I think he was saying exactly the opposite, and agreeing with Kevin's observation!

Old Timers --> "protect what we have now" (HF,CW,"traditional order")

Newbies --> "let's keep pace with technology" (V/UHF,new modes, new tech.)

There is a lot of preservationist activity in amateur radio that has nothing to do with saving our frequency allocations, and everything to do with reliving the "glory" years. It's a dangerous preoccupation. While we diddle around worrying about using the right Q signal to take a potty break, the spectrum auctions roar on.

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I don't know about Tufts or Swarthmore, but when I was an undergrad we draped the feed line through the trees across Memorial Drive, connected the coax shield to a ground rod, stuck the center conductor into the Charles River and used the Atlantic Ocean as an antenna. Boy, were the broadcasters in Europe pissed!

:)

Actually, I would be suspicious of your source--railroad tracks are a pretty good ground and consequently a really bad radiator. Trying to use the tracks as an antenna would mean shorting the output of your transmitter. Not a great gag, unless someone suckered you into it.

In any case, the premise of the legend is contrary to what I know about radio feed lines and propagation--even if rail lines could conduct and radiate radio waves, the energy would all get radiated or dissipated in the resistance of the conductor before it got more than a few miles. The same would be true of telegraph lines or power lines. It wouldn't work. Don't believe it.

--Shawn, K3HI

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<061594092829Rnf0.78@amcomp.com>.

Subject : Re: license turnaround times..

In article <061594092829Rnf0.78@amcomp.com>, Dan Pickersgill wrote:

> dratzlaf@nyx10.cs.du.edu (Norby) writes:

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> >I took my tests the last weekend in February. I believe the VE's sent in  
> >the forms 1st of March. Myself, I'm still waiting on my ticket...

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> >It's been around, what, 15 weeks I think...

> Yep. A friend just got his after 12 weeks. It should be there pretty  
> quickly.

Yep, it came today!

Daniel Ratzlaff

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"Leave the night-light on  
inside the birdhouse in your soul"--TMBG

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